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PREFACE.

IN the new circumstances of the Congregational Board of Education, originating in the meeting at Derby, it was thought to be wise, and necessary, that the sentiments of the Board on the Educational question should be propounded fully, and in a permanent form; and hence the Course of Lectures, contained in this volume, was delivered, under the direction of the Board, in Crosby Hall. The announcement of their delivery was responded to by crowded audiences; and their publication in the columns of the BRITISH BANNER has given an opportunity to many thousands of persons to read them, who would never have seen them in their present form.

The Board feels under deep obligation to the Lecturers for the time, and labour, devoted to the preparation of the Lectures; and tenders to them its warmest thanks; and trusts that this volume will not only lead to the increased diffusion of sound principles, but will encourage many to make

vigorous efforts for the spread of Education, and to contribute liberal donations and annual subscriptions towards sustaining the Board in its general operations, and in the establishment of its contemplated Normal schools.

As the Lecture of the Rev. JOHN BURNET was not written, the Board feels that it would be unjust to that gentleman to print the brief, and imperfect, report of it, which appeared in the Newspapers.

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ERRATA.

Page 38, last line, for "proportion of the children of the working classes in Day-schools in 1846, 1 in 2½," read, "1 in 2¼."

In page 33, line after the table, "increase of population from 1833 to 1846, 86 per cent.," ought to be, "from 1803 to 1846, 86 per cent."

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